

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Lafayette City Hall – Board of Works Room

Commission Members in Attendance: Julie Ginn, Kevin Klinker, Sean Lutes, Shawna McCully, Amy Paget, Glen Vick and Kurt Wahl

Absent: John Burns, Patti Morgan

Staff in Attendance: John Collier, Dann Keiser, Michelle Conwell

Guests: Taletha Coles, 517 N. 10th Street; Lucy Coles, 517 N. 10th Street; Nekha Snyder, 517 N. 10th Street; Nic Brown, 17 Wildwood Drive; Dianne Mork, 1509 & 1521 Cason Street

Noting a quorum, Vice President Sean Lutes called the meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of the August Minutes

Amy Paget moved to recommend approval of the of the November 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Glen Vick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Election of Historic Preservation Commission Officers for 2020

Kevin Klinker moved to open the nominations of Officers for the 2020 Historic Preservation Commission Shawna McCully seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The slate of Officers presented is as follows:

John Burns-President

Sean Lutes-Vice President

Glen Vick-Secretary

Kevin Klinker moved to close the nominations of Officers for the 2020 Historic Preservation. Julie Ginn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Klinker moved to accept the slate of Officers as listed above. Julie Ginn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the 2020 Calendar of Historic Preservation Commission Meetings-Kevin Klinker moved to approve the 2020 Calendar of Historic Preservation Commission meetings. Shawna McCully seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations and Education Committee report

No report was made by the Public Relations and Education Committee.

District Committee report

District Committee Chair, Shawna McCully stated that the Commission received, reviewed and recommend approval of petitions for the establishment of two new local historic districts in the City. Petitions include the following:

Petition to Establish the Local Greenbush Historic District

This petition includes only the Greenbush Cemetery at this time. Taletha Coles, Fairfield Township Trustee and petitioner, spoke about her excitement in being involved with the Historic Preservation Commission. She gave details about the changes she has in mind for the cemetery. John Collier and members of the Commission briefly went over the requirements for submitting a COA for her future reference. Mr. Collier also explained the approval process for the establishment of a new local district. Once this Commission recommends approval of the new district, then an Ordinance will be written and forwarded to the City Council for its approval following two readings. The first reading of the Ordinance will be heard at the January City Council meeting with the final reading at the February City Council meeting. Once the City Council approves the new district, it will be recorded with the County Recorder's office. Kevin Klinker moved to approve the Petition to Establish the Local Greenbush Historic District. Shawna McCully seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Petition to Establish the Local Perrin / Cason Street Historic District

This petition is to include 1509 and 1521 Cason Street. Dianne Mork, owner of the properties and petitioner, spoke about the history of the homes originally built by James Perrin for two sons, William (1509 Cason St.) and John (1521 Cason St.). Mr. Collier reiterated the process for final approval of the local district through an Ordinance to be passed by City Council and Mrs. Mork stated that she understood. Julie Ginn moved to approve the Petition to Establish the Local Perrin / Cason Street Historic District. Kevin Klinker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COA Committee report

COA applications:

COA-6 S. 9th Street

The first COA is for exterior lights at 6 S. 9th Street. This is the former Village Pantry site at the South West corner of 9th and South Streets that is under construction right now to install a pump house, underground sewer infrastructure and small park with sidewalk, seat wall and landscaping. The Commission approved the park and pump house project in May 2019, but this is for exterior lights which were not shown on the original COA. The proposal is for 2 building lights over the doors of the pump house (on the south and west faces of the pump house) and at most four ornamental lights along the back of the curved seat wall and new sidewalk. The new lights are similar to and compatible with the existing street lights that go up the hill on South Street between 9th Street and Main Street; black ornamental poles with acorn style fixtures on top. These lights will be pedestrian scale so likely not as tall as the lights along South Street. We're still working with the consultants on the exact number of new poles/lights to be installed. Kevin Klinker moved to approve the 6 S. 9th Street COA. Shawna McCully seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COA-North West corner of 10th and Main Streets

The second COA is for artistic interactive seating at the proposed bump out at the North West corner of 10th and Main Street as part of the Main Street Streetscape Phase 3 project. You may recall that the Phase 3 project was approved by the Commission a couple of months ago, but this is a new site amenity that is being added to the project for this specific location. This new site amenity is a unique, artistic and interactive approach to seating for this one location. It involves the installation of a cluster of 5 metal cylinders at various diameters and heights (widest is 30" diam. tallest is 36" tall) that have different colored acrylic tops through

which LED light is emitted that creates a seat top that gives off a subtle, glowing colored light. The cylinders have internal light and sound mechanisms. When the acrylic top is touched a subtle sound is made and the acrylic top is illuminated. Mr. Collier confirmed with the design consultants for the Phase 3 streetscape project that the sounds are programmed with an mp3 file so they can be programmed with just about any pleasant, subtle sound and the sounds can be changed. The volume level can be controlled and set to a timer so it won't make a sound after a certain hour. The LED lights can also be set on a timer, most likely sound and lights would be coordinated to go on and off together. The exterior of the metal cylinder that houses the sound and light components can be powder coated to just about any color, the City staff is recommending black. Each cylinder will be mounted to its own concrete base within the brick paver area. Overall, the lighting effect will be low intensity and subtle. Mr. Collier shared an image of an installation in another city to show the light emitted from the top of the cylinder. The closest cylinder is approximately 8-9 feet from the building, so they won't be shining directly onto the building. The proposed site of the cylinders is on the proposed bump out adjacent to 926-928 Main Street, which is the same building where the replacement limestone band adjacent to the building was previously approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. There was considerable discussion among the members of the Commission and concerns were raised by a couple of Commissioners who would have preferred a more creative and thoughtful solution. Kurt Wahl moved to approve the COA for the installation of interactive seating for the North West corner of 10th and Main Streets. Julie Ginn seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2 with dissensions from Kevin Klinker and Amy Paget.

Staff Report - None

Public Comment

Vice President Lutes asked for additional comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Julie Ginn moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Klinker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Conwell, Recording Secretary*

Approved: _____

Glen Vick, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission